

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 17th 1999**

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## **Monaghan Rally**

The North Monaghan Hobby Radio and Computer Exhibition will be held on Sunday next October the 24th in the Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan Town. The Rally will open at 11.30 and run until 16.30.

The rally will take place in the Blackwater function room and full restaurant and bar facilities will be available.

All the usual retailers will be in attendance including large displays of computer equipment and a bring and buy.

Talk in will be on S22 from 10.00 a.m. and it will be manned until 2.00 p.m.

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## **IRTS Committee Meeting**

An IRTS committee meeting will be held on Saturday next, October the 23rd at the Shamrock Lodge Hotel in Athlone starting at 11.00 a.m.

Club representatives are very welcome to attend this meeting.

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## **Worked All Ireland**

A get together of Worked All Ireland activists is planned for next Sunday at the Monaghan rally.

The One Thousand Award plaques will be presented to Paddy EI7GK, Pat EI6DA, George GI4SRQ and Noel EI6HW on the day.

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## **Cork Radio Club**

Next Monday night's meeting of the Cork Radio Club will feature a video of the club's activity in the recent SSB field day taken by Frank EI6EVB.

The club meets every Monday night at their club room in Wilton Park House,

Bishopstown in Cork City.

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### **Mayo Radio Experimenters Network**

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network are organising a trip to the London Show at Pickets Lock and anyone interested in travelling should contact John Corless EI7IQ at 094-81856 or ei7iq@eircom.net as soon as possible. A trip to Dayton, Ohio for the next Dayton Hamvention is also planned, subject to demand.

The 1999 AGM of the Club saw John McDonnell EI6IR re-elected as Chairperson. Frances Taheny EI5J was elected Secretary and Gerry Cregg EI4GD is the Treasurer. John Corless EI7IQ was returned as PRO.

John Connor of the Wishing Well presented the Connor Shield to Padraic Baynes EI6FWB for outstanding service to amateur radio.

The Wishing Well Shield for outstanding service to the Mayo REN was presented to John Corless EI7IQ.

Michael Clarke EI3IG was re-elected as MREN Club Representative to the IRTS. Special guest at the AGM was Jack Kane EI3FG, an IRTS Newsreader for fifteen years on the Sligo Repeater. Jack kindly acted as independent chairperson for the election of officers.

The Mayo group will be active this weekend with their local scout troop in the Jamboree on the Air.

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### **QSL Routes for Special Event Stations**

Members involved in the running of special event stations, including JOTA stations, are again reminded to let the relevant QSL sub-managers know what the QSL route is for their special event call signs. Special event stations attract an unusually large number of QSL cards, and it is very frustrating for the sub-managers to receive these cards and not know where they should be sent. So please help us to provide a good service to amateurs worldwide by letting the sub-managers know where the cards should be sent.

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### **Wicklow Wireless Society**

At the annual general meeting of the Wicklow Wireless Society, Neil EI2ELB was

elected Chairman and Sean EI4GK was elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

Due to the falling attendances in recent times, the society has decided to terminate its connection with Ravenswell School in Bray where meetings have been held for many years.

Meetings will continue on the last Tuesday of each month, in the homes of the members, on a rotating basis.

The next meeting will take place in the home of Tony EI3GU on Tuesday October the 26th at 8 p.m.

Information concerning the society and in particular meeting venues is available from Sean EI4GK at 01-2821420.

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## **Contests**

We are heading into the contest season and the first big one is being held in two weeks time, on Saturday and Sunday October the 30th and 31st. This is the CQ Worldwide SSB Contest and it is the biggest of the year. It will run for 48 hours and the aim is to work as many stations in as many DXCC entities and CQ Zones as possible. The exchange is signal report plus CQ Zone. We are in CQ Zone 14.

There are many expeditions to rarer countries announced and DX chasers should have a good weekend.

In last years contest the leading EI station was Jim EI8GS who scored 742,000 points. Ken EI4DW was in second place followed by Dave EI4BZ in third spot. Robert EI7IU entered top band only.

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## **Dates for your Diary**

The North Dublin Radio Club is holding an Exhibition on Amateur Radio in the Raheny Library during the month of October. The objective of the Exhibition is to promote Amateur Radio in general and the Club's Theory classes in particular.

The North Wales Radio and Electronics Exhibition will take place in Llandudno on 6th and 7th November.

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